

## Soviets say U.S. ships violated waters

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union said Friday that two U.S. navy ships the Pentagon says were bumped by Soviet warships had violated the Soviet border. The Defence Ministry, in a statement carried by the TASS news agency, said the USS Caron and USS Yorktown had penetrated seven kilometres into Soviet territorial waters. The statement did not mention any physical contact between the American and Soviet ships. "The U.S. ships did not react to warning signals of Soviet border guard ships and dangerously manoeuvred in Soviet territorial waters," the ministry said. The statement said the incident occurred at 10:45 a.m. Moscow time in the Black Sea off the Crimean peninsula and that the American Defence Department said the Yorktown was slightly damaged. The U.S. Defence Department said the Yorktown and Caron had been "exercising their internationally-recognised right of innocent passage" through Soviet waters. But Moscow disputes the U.S. view of its rights in the Black Sea, home to the Soviet Union's large southern fleet. In 1986 Moscow protested to Washington over what it called a violation by U.S. warships of Soviet territorial rights in the Black Sea.

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## Iraq says Israeli drone downed

NICOSIA (AP) — Iraq said Friday its air defences shot down an unmanned remote-control Israeli surveillance plane near the border with Saudi Arabia. There was no immediate comment from Israeli officials. The Iraqi Ministry of Defence (MID) issued a military statement saying the aircraft was launched by the Zionists to jam Iraqi air defences and monitor data for the firing of home-made rockets. The statement said the craft was destroyed by Iraqi air defences near Al Maanah, a small outpost 300 kilometres southwest of Baghdad on the Saudi-Iraqi border, at 5:44 p.m. (1444 GMT). The statement said the craft was launched from the "occupied Arab territories." It was believed to be the first reported Israeli intrusion into Iraqi airspace since Israeli warplanes destroyed an uncompleted Iraqi nuclear power station in 1981. From the nearest Israeli-held territory, such a craft would have to fly about 690 kilometres to reach the point where Iraq says it was downed. "We hereby hold the Zionist entity responsible for using this international air route for its aggressive intentions and thus endangering international air routes in total disregard for all laws and norms," Friday's Iraqi statement said.

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## Hayden arrives today

AMMAN (Petra) — Australia's Foreign and Trade Minister Bill Hayden is due here Saturday for a four-day official visit to Jordan during which he will meet senior officials and have talks with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and Minister of Industry and Trade Hamdi Al Tabbaa on regional and international issues of common concern, current developments in the region as well as bilateral relations and cooperation. During the visit Hayden will also visit a number of historical sites and development projects in the country.

## Swedish minister to visit Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — Sweden's Foreign Minister Sten Andersson is due here March 9 for a three-day official visit to Jordan, a Foreign Ministry official has announced. During the visit, Andersson will meet with senior officials and also hold talks with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri on bilateral relations and situation in the Middle East, the announcement said Thursday.

## Zawaydeh heads for IRF meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaydeh left for Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Friday heading a Jordanian delegation to a regional meeting of the International Road Federation (IRF). The conference is organised by the Saudi Ministry of Communications in cooperation with the IRF.

## Cairo stages march

CAIRO (R) — About 300 Muslim fundamentalists staged an illegal protest in Cairo Friday against the killing of Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories, witnesses said. The demonstrators emerged from a mosque after Friday prayers waving the Koran and shouting "Jerusalem is Islamic," and "Jihad (holy war) until death."

## Bomb found aboard Gemayel's plane

BEIRUT (AP) — A bomb was found Friday in the cockpit of a jetliner that was to carry President Amin Gemayel on official visits to North Yemen and Sudan, Beirut airport officials said. "The bomb was safely defused by explosive experts at the airport," said one official. The Middle East Airlines (MEA) Boeing 707 was being readied to fly to Larnaca, Cyprus, to pick up Gemayel for his trip to Sanaa in North Yemen when the bomb was found at midafternoon, the official said.

## Israel jams Radio Al Quds

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel has begun jamming a new Palestinian radio station after suggesting that it incites protests in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, radio monitor Michael Gurdus said Friday. Listeners in the West Bank who tried to tune into the station, Radio Al Quds, broadcasting from Syria, Friday heard the Arabic service of Israel Radio instead, he said. The jamming began Thursday night but the station could still be heard in northern Israel.

## Haig quits race

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire (AP) — Former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig withdrew from the Republican presidential race Friday and threw his support to Kansas Senator Bob Dole. (See page 8).

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## Soldiers storm hospital, detain blood donors

# Israeli troops kill 2 Arabs in Nablus

NABLUS, occupied West Bank (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers opened fire on Palestinian demonstrators in the narrow streets of Nablus' outdoor market after noon prayers Friday, killing two Arabs and wounding at least 10 others.

Troops then broke into the city's Al Itihad hospital to beat and detain four Palestinians giving blood, hospital officials said. The soldiers fired rubber bullets and broke windows with their rifle butts to force their way into Al Itihad, the officials said on condition of anonymity.

An AP reporter saw a six-inch blood stain and several smaller stains on a wall where officials said the four were beaten, as well as five broken windows and one rubber bullet hole. Hospital officials said nine Arabs were wounded by gunfire in Friday's clash and another was unconscious after being beaten on the head.

The fatalities brought to 56 the number of Palestinians killed by Israelis since the Palestinian uprising erupted in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip nine weeks ago, according to United Nations figures.

Arabs also demonstrated in the occupied Gaza Strip and Jerusalem after noon prayers, hurling stones, blocking roads and unfurling the Palestinian flag.

The protest in Nablus, the West Bank's largest city where 120,000 Palestinians live, began around the central Nasr mosque after noon prayers.

Initial reports said three people were dead but checks revealed that relatives moved the body of Basheer Al Masri, 17, from Itihad to another Nablus hospital, Rafidiyah. Both hospitals reported the casualty to the press.

The clashes occurred in the narrow alleys of the Nablus casbah. Palestinians pelted a patrol of Israeli soldiers with rocks, bottles, building blocks and flowerpots.

Some Palestinians stood on rooftops and threw stones down

at Israeli soldiers patrolling below while others blocked roads with overturned dumpsters and burning tyres, said foreign journalists who witnessed the clash.

Two Arabs threw firebombs at Israeli troops, according to Arab reports.

The soldiers responded by firing teargas, rubber bullets and then live ammunition, the foreign journalists said.

"I was praying at Nasr Mosque when it began. The soldiers threw teargas into the mosque compound," 32-year-old Mahedi Bustami told the AP from his bed at Al Itihad.

A second demonstration broke out when about 300 Palestinians gathered in a hillside neighbourhood to bury Masri, Arab witnesses told the AP.

They carried his body wrapped in the Palestinian flag, the witnesses said.

Army helicopters circled overhead and Arabs burned tyres. Bursts of gunfire could be heard coming from the neighbourhood, apparently shots from soldiers.

Just two days ago, the army lifted a 10-day curfew intended to restore calm to Nablus.

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## Uncertainty shrouds 'ship of return'

By Lamis K. Andoni in Athens

THE PALESTINE Liberation Organisation (PLO) has set a 5 p.m. Saturday deadline for a final decision over a planned voyage to Palestine carrying Palestinians expelled from the occupied territories by Israel.

The PLO decision came after at least four Greek shipping companies and a Turkish firm said they were not willing to charter a vessel for the voyage.

Negotiations with the Turkish company were conducted late into Friday night and an informed PLO source told the Jordan Times that the final word was refusal by the ship's owners after it became clear that any vessel carrying the Palestinians and their supporters risked Israeli wrath.

The PLO source said the organisation would either declare a definite departure time for the "ship of return" or a new date Saturday evening. In the latter event, the source said, one of the options under consideration was a sit-in before the Israeli diplomatic mission here. Apparently, the PLO leadership was seeking to make good use of the presence here of a large number of foreign

U.S. officials said the proposals did not constitute a formal plan and that the United States wanted to listen to ideas which other parties involved in the conflict might put forward.

If Shultz left for the Middle East on Feb. 24, that would be only one day after he is scheduled to complete talks in Moscow with Soviet leaders.

After the Middle East trip, Shultz will return to Washington to help President Reagan prepare for a summit meeting with West European leaders in Brussels beginning March 2.

Shultz usually spends one day in Brussels briefing the NATO allies immediately after he has completed a Moscow trip.

"Secretary Shultz will be travelling to the Middle East at the end of this month for the purpose of advancing the Middle East peace process," the State Department statement said. "He expects to depart on or about Feb. 24."

The new U.S. initiative has met

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## Syria said proposing 7-point Gulf peace plan

KUWAIT (AP) — Syria is seeking to promote a two-stage peace plan to end the Iran-Iraq war, starting with a six-month moratorium in attacks on Gulf shipping by both sides, according to the Al Watan newspaper.

Al Watan said Thursday Syria has given the seven-point blueprint to Arab Gulf states, but made no mention of their reaction.

The plan, calling for the formation of a "mediation panel" representing the United Nations and some neutral Islamic states, confirms reports that Syria has sought to persuade Iran not to carry out a new ground offensive against Iraq.

But it did not say if the "halt to all offensive operations" was meant to synchronise with the moratorium on ship attacks.

Iraq has vowed to keep attacking Iranian tankers to choke off Tehran's oil exports until Iran agrees to a comprehensive settlement to end the war.

Iran, which retaliates by

attacking neutral shipping linked to Arab Gulf states, insists that Iraq must first be branded "the aggressor."

The published blueprint said, without elaboration, that the mediation panel would look into "proposals and conditions" by both sides.

It also meets an Iranian demand for war reparations after the fighting stops.

The Gulf Cooperation Council — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates — enlisted Syria's help to seek an end to the war.

Syria activated its mediation bid in December as the GCC leaders agreed at their annual summit that the UAE president, Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan, use his good offices with Iran for the peace mission.

Gulf-based Iranian diplomats have claimed positive developments in the efforts for a dialogue between the GCC and Iran.

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## Shultz due in Mideast in late February to push new initiative

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Secretary of State George Shultz will visit the Middle East later this month in an effort to advance efforts for peace in the region, the State Department said Friday.

Shultz is expected to depart on or about Feb. 24, the department said in a statement. It did not say which countries he would visit.

Shultz's visit comes as the Reagan administration has outlined fresh ideas for reaching a settlement of the Middle East conflict, including an international meeting designed to lead to direct Arab-Israeli talks.

The proposals also involve elections, possibly as early as next autumn, among Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip for an administrative council that would have control over municipal and local affairs.

Under the proposals, negotiations for a definitive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict would start either late this year or early next year.

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## Rifai reaffirms Jordan's position

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai has reaffirmed Jordan's position vis-a-vis efforts for peace in the Middle East saying that Jordan views an international conference under U.N. auspices as the best forum for pushing peace efforts forward and implementing United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

In an interview with British television, broadcast Wednesday night and carried by Jordan Television Thursday, Rifai said Jordan insists that the role of the proposed peace conference should be continuous and should not be confined to one session only.

Answering a question on talks on Palestinian "self-rule" and whether such talks should follow the inaugural session of the conference, Rifai said any talks should be held within the framework of a continuous international conference and not within a one-time meeting. However,

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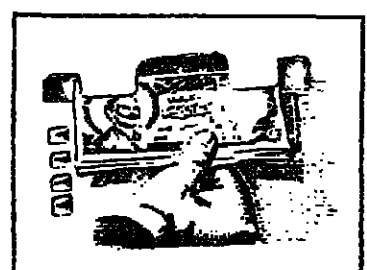
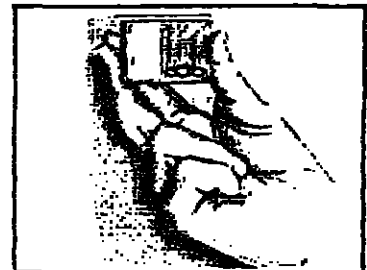
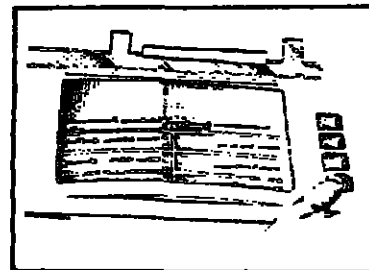
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# Palestinian refugees deny claims of violence by Egyptians in Rafah

**RAFAH, Egypt (AP) —** Palestinian refugees have expressed anger at Israeli reports that a peaceful demonstration a day earlier turned violent with Egyptian police firing indiscriminately at protesters.

Their statements seemed to refute claims by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that Egyptian troops opened fire on demonstrators in the Rafah area bordering the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip. Israeli radio carried a similar claim.

On Monday, the governor of northern Sinai, Mounir Shash, also denied the reports, but a doctor at a nearby hospital said a civilian had been wounded in the hand by Egyptian police gunfire, and a policeman slightly injured in the hip during Sunday's demonstration.

"These are all lies. There were some demonstrations after we heard wailing from women in Gaza mourning their dead," said Attiya Abdul Aziz Moussalem, Camp Canada's elderly mayor, better known among its inhabitants as Abu Hikmet.

Several hundred Palestinian

men, women and children held anti-Israeli demonstrations over the weekend along the chain-link and razor-barbed wire fence that separates the refugee camp from their families in the Israeli-occupied territory.

"The Palestinians here need to express their feelings and support. Egyptian forces stood by to secure the demonstration," he said.

Camp Canada, named after a United Nations Canadian peacekeeping force that was once based on the site, is home to 50,000 Palestinians.

They were stranded there when Israel returned the Sinai peninsula to Egypt in 1982, and the two governments have since been negotiating their transfer to the Gaza Strip.

Commenting on Shamir's remarks, Abu Hikmet said "my feeling is that I am very angry

that such lies are said."

"There have been no deaths, nor clashes, nor anything," he said.

Life seemed normal in the camp with no extra security around.

"Since the uprising started last month, every day we see across the wire our families being shot and tear-gassed," said a Palestinian youth who declined to be named.

"It was only normal that we should wish to demonstrate in support of our brothers under oppression."

An elementary school teacher, who declined to be identified, complained that he had to stop class recently because of the tear-gas blown across.

"We see them dropping tear bombs from helicopters on the other side, and most of the time the wind blows it over to our side."

"The other day, I had to dismiss class because the tear gas became too much," he said.

In the evenings, most of the male Palestinian refugees gather in homes to discuss the uprising

of their relatives and friends only a few hundred metres away.

"Despite the gunfire, despite the Israeli actions, we have to go back," Abu Hikmet said, echoing the views of most Palestinians in the camp.

"We cannot leave our country and leave to Israel the chance to create more settlements."

The weekend demonstrators carried banners vowing to "return to Palestine," and chanted "in spirit, in blood, we sacrifice for you, oh Palestine."

Youths said these were not the first since the troubles began on Dec. 8.

They said there had been minor scattered demonstrations over the past few weeks, all of them peaceful and with the approval of the Egyptian authorities.

They said they would organise another demonstration, with Egyptian cooperation, in answer to Shamir's allegations.

"We are merely protesting the Israeli action against our brothers," Abu Hikmet said.

## Palestinians restrict military operations

**CAIRO (R) —** Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat says PLO military leaders have decided to restrict military operations against Israeli military targets to southern Lebanon.

But Mr. Arafat in an interview published on Tuesday in the PLO's daily Al Akbar said the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip had been organised by the PLO and would continue.

Mr. Arafat said the PLO's military council on Jan. 9 agreed to avoid the use of arms in Gaza and the West Bank so as not to give Israel "an excuse to launch a massacre against the Palestinians."

The same body also decided to restrict military operations to South Lebanon, he added.

The PLO chief said the Palestinians needed international protection and help for the restoration of their rights. Israeli troops have shot dead 34 demonstrators in the occupied territories during the current revolt.

Mr. Arafat expressed hopes he would be able to meet Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo following his current tour in the Gulf states and before his scheduled visit to Washington and Western Europe later this month.

Mr. Arafat said four Palestinians were killed and 50 injured on Monday in what he said was the heaviest day of Arab confrontation with Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In a hurriedly prepared news conference at the Palestine Liberation Organisation's Baghdad headquarters, Mr. Arafat told reporters on Monday night that the fiercest fighting took place in Nablus on the West Bank, especially at the Ain Beit-Al-Ma'a Camp, where 15 youths were injured.

He said 3,000 Palestinians fled the camp for the nearby hills, many throwing stones and empty bottles at the Israeli troops. He said one resident used a bow and arrow against the troops.

Mr. Arafat said three Palestinians, Basil Al-Yassouri, Mohamud Fayyadh, 20, and Atta Mustafa Hudheir, 25, were killed in Gaza, and that Rabeh Ghannam, 16, was killed on the West Bank.

The Israeli army says three Palestinians died on Monday, one of wounds sustained earlier, and put at 31 the number of Arabs killed in the wave of unrest since Dec. 9. Reports from foreign relief workers add at least three more fatalities to the overall death toll. Palestinian sources in Israel say several wounded demonstrators are in critical condition.

Mr. Arafat said Monday's unrest was marked by the intensive use of Israeli tanks, armoured vehicles and helicopters dropping teargas on residential areas and Palestinian camps.

## Sudanese civil war shifts to south

**KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) —** Sudan's civil war has shifted back to its traditional southern battlegrounds after government forces ousted rebels from two east-central Sudan towns, military statistics released Tuesday indicated.

Rebel takeovers in November and December of Kurmuk and Gizen, strategic hamlets on the Blue Nile region, represented their furthest northward incursion in five years of fighting.

The Sudan People's Liberation Army held Kurmuk for 40 days before government troops recaptured it on Dec. 23 and Gizen for three weeks until it fell to the government on Jan. 1. Prime Minister Sadek Al Mahdi said Monday more than 600 soldiers and rebels died in bitter fighting over the two towns.

The SPLA has been fighting since 1983 for administrative, economic and political changes to favour the country's mostly Christian and animist south. Many southerners contend the Muslim-dominated central government discriminates against their region.

On Tuesday, a military spokesman told the Associated Press that 41 rebels, four soldiers and 15 civilians died in recent fighting, all in the southern Equatoria, Bahr Al Ghazal and Upper Nile regions south west of Blue Nile.

The spokesman did not explain how the civilians died but said it was in Raga, a desert town 680 miles (1,090 kilometres) south west of Khartoum.

Speaking anonymously under Defence Ministry rules, the spokesman said fighting included a rebel attack on the important centre of Rumbek in Bahr Al Ghazal in which 35 attackers died.

The SPLA, led by Col. John Garang, launched military operations against the government in Sudan's three southern provinces in 1983.

In his speech, Mr. Mahdi indicated that Col. Garang may be

softening his demands that Sharia, or Islamic Law, be scrapped as a condition for peace.

Former military strongman President Jaafar Numeiri imposed Sharia three months after the rebellion began. It remains the country's basis for law but has been largely ignored during Mr. Mahdi's 21 months of civilian rule.

Mr. Mahdi told the parliamentarians that Col. Garang's movement has accepted with reservations the transitional constitution under which Sudan currently is governed.

The only condition, the premier said, is that the article making Islamic Law the sole source of legislation be rescinded and that "Sharia be applied only in areas where Muslims constitute a majority." Col. Garang previously has demanded that it be eliminated nationwide.

Mr. Mahdi said his government will continue to seek peaceful settlement with the rebels but at the same time will "firmly confront foreign aggression, internal subversion and all forms of treason."

"The southern plight is a legitimate political problem which the northerners recognise," Mr. Mahdi told the United Arab Emirates paper Al Ittihad in an interview published on Tuesday.

"Those who call for a military solution do not recognise this problem, which requires a democratic political settlement."

He said a political solution could be achieved through a constitutional conference.

"We still seek to hold the proposed conference which I think would not be distant if we could keep the Sudanese problem away from external polarisation," Mr. Mahdi added.

## Panel names winners of King Faisal awards

**RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) —** A Filipino Muslim activist and specialist in leukemia and genetics in U.S. universities, including an American professor, were among this year's winners of the King Faisal International Awards, the awards committee announced Tuesday.

The foundation was set up in 1976 with \$1.2 billion donated by eight sons of the king to propagate Islam and set up an Arab version of the Nobel Prize.

The winners are not necessarily of the Muslim faith.

Awards in four of the five categories will be shared by two people. King Faisal Foundation Director-General Prince Khalid Al Faisal said. Foundation officials said the awards will be presented to the winners in two months.

The award in science was shared by biologists Ricardo

Miledi, a Mexican professor at the University of California at Irvine, and Pierre Chambon, director of the Molecular Genetics Laboratory at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in France.

Miledi, who has also done research at the University College of London, studied the transmission of information from nerve cells to muscles and other nerve cells. The Awards Committee said this research has implications for treatment of nervous disorders and other reactions.

Chambon has researched properties of genes and, the committee said, influenced the advance of molecular medicine especially in cancer.

Other winners included: — Arabic literature: Shared by Muhammad Ibn Sharif, of Mohammed V University in Morocco, a Moroccan, and Mahmud Y.A. Makki, of the University of Cairo, an Egyptian, for their studies of literature of Spain during Muslim rule in the Middle Ages.

— Islamic studies: Shared by Muhammad Qutb, an Egyptian and professor at Umm Al Qura University in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, and Mikdad Yalcin, who is Turkish and a professor at Imam Mohammed Ibn Saud University in Riyadh, for their work in Islamic education.

## U.S. extends Libya sanctions

**WASHINGTON (AP) —** The United States has extended 2-year-old economic sanctions against Libya, contending there is no evidence that country has abandoned support of international terrorism.

"The U.S. believes that the appropriate goal is to continue our policy, continue to isolate (Libyan leader Muammar) Qadhafi diplomatically and economically in order to limit his

ability to cause harm," deputy spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said Monday.

She said the administration recently approved the extension of sanctions against Libya until 1989.

Mrs. Oakley said Libya has shipped arms to the Irish Republican Army, sponsored attacks against Libyan dissidents in Europe and engaged in aggression against Chad.

## Israeli conscript jailed for refusing post in occupied land

**TEL AVIV (AP) —** The Israeli army jailed an 18-year-old U.S.-born conscript for 28 days for refusing to serve in the occupied territories, the soldier's mother said Monday.

Charles Lechner, an immigrant from Pittsburgh, USA, was tried and sentenced Sunday after rejecting an assignment to the military border police in Arab East Jerusalem, his mother, Eva Lechner, told the Associated Press.

"Charles refused the assignment because his conscience will not allow him to enforce Israeli rule over the Palestinians," said Ms. Lechner. "He said he will not help the Israeli government impose its occupation."

Ms. Lechner said authorities told her Charles had been sent to a prison south of Tel Aviv. She said she had not spoken to him since before his military trial Sunday.

"I hope to be able to meet with him, but I don't know if I will be allowed to," she said. She said she feared prison conditions would be harsh because military prisons have been filled to capacity since mass arrests of Arab protesters began weeks ago.

Lechner joined 15 other high school students about to be conscripted into the army in writing a letter last September to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, warning that they would refuse to carry out "acts of repression" by serving in the territories Israel occupied in the 1967 Middle East war.

Rabin and other officials sharply criticised the students for displaying what they said was flagrant disregard for the law.

Amit Levenhoff, a leader of

the student group, said Monday that Lechner's arrest only strengthened the resolve of other members to act on their beliefs.

"We are very sorry Charles had to go to jail, but we are proud that he stood up for his convictions," Levenhoff told the AP. "Charles showed that you can and must stand up against the army. We will all follow his example if we have to."

Levenhoff said that since September, the group had expanded to include 66 students awaiting conscription into the army.

Lechner, 18, immigrated to Israel with his family in 1975 from their home in Pittsburgh. The family settled in Tel Aviv, and Lechner attended an American high school in the nearby suburb of Kfar Shmaryahu.

Ms. Lechner said her son's refusal to serve in Arab East Jerusalem marked the second time he turned down an assignment in the territories. The first time, he received a suspended sentence of one week, and was warned he would be jailed if he repeated the offense.

Ms. Lechner said she supported her son's actions despite his punishment.

"Charles feels that once you cross over into the territories as a soldier, you are immediately corrupted," Ms. Lechner said. "You cannot serve there and be fair, because you are enforcing an unfair situation. He said he would not help his government do that."

Israeli troops have shot and killed at least 34 Palestinians since the rebellion erupted in the territories last Dec. 8.

## Israel takes over power from Palestinian firm in Old City

**TEL AVIV (R) —** Israel began supplying power to Jewish customers in Jerusalem's walled Old City overnight, cutting off Jewish homes in Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank from a Palestinian grid.

A spokeswoman for the state-owned Israel Electric Corporation said on Tuesday the Jerusalem District Electric Company (JDEC) grid was disconnected at night partly to prevent protests by Palestinians opposed to the move.

"It was done overnight to be safe first of all, to prevent protests. Secondly, it was done to prevent complications with a lack of electricity during the day," she told Reuters.

The Israeli action followed two years of talks with JDEC, the largest Arab firm in the West Bank and long a symbol of Palestinian nationalism, over the firm's debts of \$30 million to the Israel Electric Company, which supplies it with 95 per cent of its

power.

JDEC's Jewish customers had complained of frequent power cuts but the company said this was due to Israel's refusal to let it buy new equipment.

Another two Jewish settlements in occupied Jerusalem, Mishor Adumim and Ma'aleh Adumim, were connected to the Israeli grid on Monday, the spokeswoman said.

Last month JDEC said it wanted to start buying power from Jordan and Israeli Energy Minister Moshe Shaleh said he was in favour of the idea.

A total of 30,000 Jewish customers in settlements built after Israel occupied East Jerusalem and the West Bank in the 1967 Middle East war will now receive power from the Israeli company.

Shaleh said last month JDEC could continue supplying its 70,000 Palestinian customers and Israel would compensate any workers sacked because of the cut.

## 'PLO has chemical arms'

**NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) —** Palestinian commandos have chemical weapons and will not hesitate to use them against Israel in future wars, a commando leader says.

"Our interest in chemical weapons is old... It is not something new," Col. Mahmoud Natour, code-named Abu Tayeb, said in an interview in the latest issue of the Arabic monthly magazine Al Nasr, or victory, which was published in Cyprus on Monday.

Col. Natour is the commander of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat's

crack "Forces 17" in charge of special operations.

He is a member of PLO's Military Council and was commander of Palestinian forces in mainly Muslim West Beirut during the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

He contended that Israel was also developing a chemical weapons arsenal as a "strategic first-strike deterrent" to be used as an alternative to its nuclear weapons.

Col. Natour said Israel is believed to have up to 50 nuclear warheads but would only use them as a last resort.

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## Crown Prince stresses security coordination

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, has stressed the importance of coordination between public security apparatus and public institutions towards achieving security for all citizens.

During a visit to the Najda police section Thursday, Prince Hassan said that the police force should be well-trained and qualified to identify and respond to citizens' needs, and to offer them the best service.

The Crown Prince also urged the application of innovative scientific methods in discharging police duties.

Earlier Thursday, Prince Hassan visited the Amman Police Department, where he was received by Public Security Director Lieutenant-General Abdul Hadi Al Majali and senior public security officers.

Prince Hassan was briefed on the department's operations, safeguarding security and stability in the capital.

He was also briefed on the duties of the Najda police, who are, in real terms, a mobile police station — an active force capable of dealing with all situations through coordination with security centres and concerned institutions.

## Information ministry staff honoured for summit role

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Information Hani Al Khasawneh has presented Royal medals to a number of ministry and media staff conferred on them by His Majesty King Hussein in recognition of their efforts and services during the extraordinary Arab summit held in Amman last November.

Khasawneh, in a speech during the Thursday ceremony, praised the summit and King Hussein's role in ensuring its success.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Information employees have decided to donate one day's salary each to support the uprising of the Palestinians in the occupied territories.



Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat and Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem Michel Sabbah discuss the

importance of Muslim-Christian dialogue prior to the patriarch's departure Thursday.

## Sabbah leaves for Jerusalem, thanking Jordan for warm welcome

AMMAN (J.T.) — Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem Michel Sabbah Friday left for the Holy City of Jerusalem via King Hussein Bridge, ending an eight-day visit to Jordan during which he met with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and senior Jordanian officials.

In a departure statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Sabbah said he was impressed by his visit to Jordan, and expressed his appreciation to Prince Hassan, Rifai and the officials with whom he met.

He also thanked all members of the Jordanian family for the

heartfelt welcome he was accorded.

He was seen off in Amman by senior government officials and a number of Christian clergymen.

On Thursday, Sabbah met with Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat, for a discussion on the situation in the occupied territories, and the measures taken by the ministry to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people there.

The ministry's measures, which come in implementation of Royal directives, include allocating monthly salaries to families of

martyrs in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, and to needy students from the occupied territories attending Jordanian universities.

Both Sheikh Khayyat and Patriarch Sabbah stressed the importance of Muslim-Christian dialogue, and described it as essential for enhancing cooperation towards serving Arab causes.

Sabbah paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein's efforts to unite Arab ranks, and for his ongoing endeavours to attract international attention to just Arab causes, particularly the Palestinian struggle.

## Canadian parliamentarians to be briefed on Mideast situation

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A seven-member Canadian parliamentary delegation is due to be briefed today by Jordanian officials on the latest developments in the Middle East and the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the delegation was expected to have an audience with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, before leaving the Kingdom.

Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin is expected to brief the delegation on Jordan's stand on the Arab-Israeli conflict, as well as on the current uprising in the occupied territories.

Canadian Embassy Consul Michael Chesson told the Jordan Times Friday that the delegation, which arrived in Amman Thursday, was here as part of a fact-finding tour of Arab countries and Israel aimed at keeping abreast of the latest developments in the region.

Foreign Minister Taher Al

Masri, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khatib and Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan are also expected to meet with the delegation, which includes members of the Canadian House of Commons, foreign affairs and international trade committees.

On Friday Khatib accompanied the parliamentarians on a tour of oil exploration fields at Risha, some 100 kilometres east of Amman, Chesson said.

Canadian oil exploration companies Petro-Canada International and Westburne Drilling have separate franchises in the area, and they are joining efforts with the Jordan Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) in exploring for oil.

The delegation, comprising

members of the Conservative, Liberal and Democratic parties in the house, will also meet with Lower House Speaker of Parliament Akef Al Fayed and members of the Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The delegation will also be briefed on United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) activities and services in Jordan, and will make a field visit to Baqaa refugee camp before leaving Sunday for Cairo, the second leg of their tour of the region, which will also take them to Israel and the occupied territories.

Canada's House of Commons include 282 members representing the three political parties — Conservative, Liberal and Democratic.

Chesson said that another seven-member Canadian parliamentary delegation was expected to arrive here today, but not on a formal mission. He said the delegation from the Canadian Arab Parliamentary Association would leave Amman Sunday for the occupied territories.

## Jordan, Egypt review cooperation in agriculture, scientific research

AMMAN (Petra) — Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture Youssef Wali left Amman after ending a one-day official visit during which he met with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, and senior officials.

During their meeting Thursday, Prince Hassan and Wali discussed cooperation in agriculture and ways to further develop existing ties.

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud, Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin and Egyptian Ambassador to Jordan Ihab Wahbe.

Wali also took part in a joint Jordanian-Egyptian meeting at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) for reviewing the results of the last joint meeting, held recently in Amman.

These results stressed the need to bolster cooperation in scientific and agricultural research.

The two sides also reviewed progress on joint projects.

The talks were attended on the Jordanian side by Hmoud, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khatib, Minister of State for Prime Minister Jawad Al Anani and other officials.

Wali and Wahbe represented Egypt at the talks.

Wali met with Hmoud for detailed discussions on cooperation in agriculture.

Hmoud briefed the visiting minister on Jordan's agriculture and agricultural policies, emphasising Jordan's use of the pattern system in farming. Hmoud said

this policy aimed at achieving balance between production and consumption.

Hmoud also pointed out that the government directs special attention to the agricultural sector because of its importance in supporting national economy.

Wali then briefed Hmoud on the agricultural situation in Egypt and extended an official invitation for him to visit Egypt.

The Egyptian minister's visit came in response to an invitation extended to him by Prince Hassan.

In an arrival statement, Wali said his visit was partially aimed at beginning preparations for a symposium on scientific cooperation, to be held under the chairmanship of Prince Hassan.

## Jordan, Syria review energy links

RAMTHA (Petra) — Syrian Assistant Minister of Energy Sufyan Al Allow left Amman Friday at the end of a two-day visit during which he held talks with Jordanian officials on cooperation in energy. He also attended a symposium on the availability and reliability of electric power held by the Ministry of Energy.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Regent attends Friday prayers in Salt

SALT (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, performed Friday prayers at Salt Grand Mosque. The Regent, along with the other worshippers listened to a sermon which stressed adherence to the principles of Islam, and highlighted Jordan's role in supporting the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories. Also attending prayers with Prince Hassan were Balqa Governor Mujaib Al Kureisba and Salt Mayor Abdul Razzaq Nsour.

### Health ties with Syria to increase

RAMTHA (Petra) — Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh Friday returned from Syria after a four-day visit during which he held talks with Syrian Health Minister Mohammad Al Shatti on amendments to the health agreement signed between Jordan and Syria in 1975. Hamzeh said that he also discussed with Syrian officials Syria's demand for Jordanian-manufactured medicines. The two sides agreed to exchange expertise and visits by health officials in an effort to expand cooperation.

### Italian film week begins today

AMMAN (J.T.) — The annual Italian Film Festival begins today at the Royal Cultural Centre. The following films will be presented: "L'Inchiesta" (The Inquiry) in English with French subtitles; "Enrico IV" (Henry IV), "Figlio Mio Infinitamente Caro" (My Dearest Son) and "Cuore" (Heart), all in Italian with English subtitles; and "Momo" and "Qualcosa Di Biondo (Aurora)," both in English.

### Obeidi meets with UNDP team

AMMAN (Petra) — Secretary-General of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) Mahdi Al Obeidi Friday met with a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) team currently on a visit to Jordan. Obeidi briefed the team on the goals of the Arab Economic Unity Agreement and efforts exerted by the ministerial council of the agreement's member states to increase Arab economic integration. He also reviewed the CAEU's 1987 achievements, including the establishment of the Arab Common Market. The team expressed the programme's readiness to cooperate with the CAEU and its affiliate companies and unions, especially in agriculture and the transfer of technology.

## Shultz to push Mideast initiative

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with varying degrees of enthusiasm and scepticism from Israeli, Arab and Palestinian leaders, but U.S. officials said all parties were encouraging the United States to continue its efforts.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said Wednesday it opposed the new U.S. initiative because it did not mention the eventual creation of a Palestinian state.

The announcement of Shultz's visit came after he conferred Thursday evening with Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, the administration's point man for the Middle East who this week completed a four-country swing through the region.

Shultz last visited the Middle East in October.

### Shamir-Peres row flares

In Tel Aviv, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in an unprecedented attack, accused Foreign Minister Shimon Peres Friday of sabotaging Israel's position in Middle East peace efforts and leaking secret documents to the media.

"He wants to know what I do in order to sabotage it," the right-wing Likud prime minister said of the Labour Party leader, his coalition partner in an uneasy "national unity" government.

"How can I negotiate when my partner is constantly running to the other side and telling them: 'Don't listen to Shamir, whatever he's selling I'll sell cheaper,'" Shamir said.

The outburst highlighted deep differences between Israel's leaders over the U.S. initiative.

Peres, prime minister from 1984 until October 1986 when he swapped posts with Shamir under a power-sharing agreement, has repeatedly accused the nationalist

Likud leader of blocking the road to peace.

In stinging criticism of his political rival, Shamir said on Israel Radio that Peres had "sundered everything" and undercut his bargaining power by leading details of the U.S. proposal.

"Every expression of cooperation on my part is thrown in my face immediately. I show Mr. Peres a letter and after a few hours it is in the hands of all the reporters," said Shamir.

"You can't conduct negotiations and certainly not achieve peace by announcing every day that you're ready to accept everything," he said.

A Peres aide who demanded anonymity said the Labour Party leader would not respond. However, he added: "We think that Mr. Shamir's comments are not worthy of a prime minister."

Moshe Shahal, the minister of energy who is a leading member of Peres' Labour Party, rejected Shamir's claim that Peres was "overreager" in his acceptance of the U.S. proposals.

"We are not being overreager. The prime minister is trying to give an excuse for a period of no movement," said Shahal.

Shamir reacted to a speech Thursday by Peres, who lashed out at the Likud leader's support for Jewish settlement building in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, sarcastically asking "does this dandy enterprise provide security?"

Criticising Shamir's refusal to go along with an international peace conference, Peres said: "If the negotiations with an international opening had begun in April, when they could have been started, would it have spared us the events in the territories? Let each one of us answer that question honestly."

## Federation urges creation of Arab centre for developing technical education

AMMAN (Petra) — Participants in the meetings of the Council of Arab Technical Education Federation, have sent cables of thanks to His Majesty King Hussein and to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The messages were sent after the meetings were concluded Thursday.

In their cable to King Hussein, the participants expressed appreciation to Jordan for hosting the 8th session, and for making the necessary preparations which contributed to the success of the meetings. They also expressed their admiration of the great developments the Kingdom has achieved in general and technical education.

In their message to the Iraqi president, they expressed appreciation for Iraq's continued support of the federation, which is headquartered in there. The participants also praised the courageous stand of the Iraqi people and army in their heroic struggle to defend the Arab land,

as well as Iraq's positive response to international and pan-Arab efforts towards ending the Iran-Iraq war.

In addition, the participants also thanked Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin Al Assad for his sponsorship of the meetings.

At the end of the four days of deliberations, the meeting recommended the creation of an Arab centre for developing technical education.

It called on the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to supply the proposed centre with experts and educational equipment.

Another recommendation called on the federation's secretariat to prepare books in Arabic on vocational education.

The participants decided further that previously-concluded agreements with the Arab Organisation for Agricultural De-

## Zawawi heads VOA Arabic section

AMMAN (J.T.) — An American of Palestinian origin has recently been appointed as director of the Voice of America (VOA) Arabic Section for his high efficiency and extensive experience in broadcasting. Mr. Mahmoud Zawawi, born in Jerusalem, joined the VOA Arabic Section in 1972. He obtained B.A. and M.A. degrees from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.



Mahmoud Zawawi

## Syria said proposing 7-point plan

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Seven-point plan  
Following is the text of the Syrian blueprint published by Al Watan:

— The formation of a mediation panel comprising representatives of the United Nations, some neutral and Islamic states, Syria, Algeria and Pakistan. The panel will consider proposals and conditions forwarded by Iraq and Iran for settling the dispute.

— The panel's task falls into short-term and long-term objectives.

— The short-term objectives include obtaining pledges from Iraq and Iran to immediately halt strikes against shipping, cities and strategic targets for six months;

— Halting all offensive operations along the front by both Iran and Iraq;

— Both belligerents endorse the principle of negotiation towards settling the dispute over both countries' rights in waters and land;

— The door will then be open for discussion on final solutions to the reasons for the war and strategic differences in accordance with agreements previously concluded between the two countries as well as international laws and conventions;

— The financial aspects relating to Iran's claim to reparations can

be discussed by the mediation committee when the military operations come to a halt. Reparations can be submitted to both countries for rehabilitation through a joint fund to which well-to-do countries contribute.

### Iraqi-Soviet differences

According to another Kuwaiti newspaper, Al Anbaa, Iraq's deputy prime minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan, has admitted that there are differences between Baghdad and Moscow over the Gulf war.

Ramadan also expressed dissatisfaction with China's Gulf policies in an interview with the daily published Thursday.

Ramadan charged that Soviet foot-dragging on supporting a U.N. Security Council embargo on arms sales to Iran was due to the Kremlin's desire to further its own interests.

"We differ with the Soviet friends on two scores: Their contention that the presence of American and other Western fleets in the Gulf is the cause of the continuation of hostilities, and the notion that Iran's rulers are opposed to imperialism and expansionism," Ramadan said.

"We cannot accept such opinions. We wonder how expansionist and aggressive rulers can be described as hostile to imperialism," he said.

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# PLO recognises independent nature of uprising leadership

THE PALESTINIAN uprising, which has entered its third month, has shown a high level of independence and organisation on the part of the popular institutions and the Palestinian factions inside the Israeli occupied territories, according to Palestinian analysts here and in Tunis.

These assessments have led to a debate, within the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), on how to sustain the national unity achieved during the uprising and the emerging leadership inside the Israeli occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The thrust of the main argument is that the PLO leadership should strongly support the emerging leadership, give its views more attention and deal with it on an equal basis as a permanent body leading daily confrontations with Israel.

These views, endorsed by a number of Palestinian activists who were deported by Israel during the last two decades, former prisoners, and officials who are in direct touch with the organisations in the West Bank and Gaza, are based on the conclusion that one of the most important implications of the uprising is that the situation in the occupied territories and the views of the Palestinians there shall play a bigger role in inner PLO politics from now on. This group also argues that the uprising has brought about new factors that the PLO leadership should take into consideration in its future policies towards the occupied territories.

First among these important developments is perhaps the high level of national unity achieved during the uprising.

"The ideological and other political differences are almost erased or at least overshadowed by the unity in confronting the Israeli occupation," a Palestinian official who is in daily touch with the organisations inside the territories said.

This strong national unity has already been reflected on the leadership of the factions in Tunis and in Damascus. This was evident during the last few weeks as differences emerged over the idea of forming a Palestinian government in exile, the Washington meeting between U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and two Palestinian personalities and even over resumption of talks with Jordan.

Unlike in past similar experiences the factions were cautious not to cause an inter-factional rift and moved to contain these differences within the organisation. The main objective seemed to be not to disrupt the "national unity" inside the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. But according to well-informed Palestinian sources in Tunis, it was the high level of unity demonstrated by the people and the factions in the occupied territories that made the leadership abroad restrain its reactions. But if national unity has always been a feature of Palestinian

struggle during the periods of crisis, the analysts point out the difference this time is that it was manifested and materialised within the organisational framework of the "unified command of the uprising."

## Unified leadership

The formation of this unified leadership could yet prove to have resolved the internal Palestinian debate, which has continued since the early seventies, of the need for a PLO decision to form what was until recently referred to as "the Palestinian national front."

The idea of forming a Palestinian national front was first conceived in the early seventies by independent Palestinian personalities and some Palestinian factions. In 1973 the PLO took a formal decision to set up this body in the form of a committee, which was a coalition of all political factions in the West Bank.

But the front was short lived, and by 1976 the Israeli authorities were able to dismantle it by deporting or arresting its leadership. Efforts to resurrect the front were impeded by factional differences. Left-wing factions, which strongly pushed for a new PLO decision to revive the idea, accused Fateh then of standing against it "in order to ensure its hegemony over the political situation in the West Bank and elsewhere."

Yet inter-factional differences alone were the only reason which impeded the revival of the front. For one of the most important lessons learned by the front's short life in the seventies was that the appointment of public figures to lead the front allows the Israelis to dismantle it by imprisoning or deporting its leadership.

Nevertheless, the idea was strongly pushed to surface following the eruption of the uprising three months ago. According to Palestinian officials, it was again advocated at the PLO central council which was held in Baghdad last month. The deported mayor of Al Bireh, Abdul Jawad Saleh, has been one of the staunchest advocates of the idea and was the first to clearly bring it up during the Baghdad meeting.

In a written statement, Saleh said that the uprising had made it a necessity for the PLO to form the front to lead the struggle inside the occupied territories.

But it seems that before the PLO leadership endorsed a formal decision, it was the factions and the popular organisations inside which took the initiative and formed "the national unified command of the uprising."

## Coordination with Tunis, Damascus

According to Palestinian officials interviewed by the Jordan Times in Tunis and here, the national command differs from



Lamis K. Andoni assesses the PLO's relationship with the leaders of the Palestinian revolt in the West Bank and Gaza.

the old front in the following aspects:

— It resulted from the accumulation of organisational experience over the last two decades by the factions and the popular institutions, and not as a consequence of a political decision of the PLO executive committee. That does not, however, negate the daily coordination between the command and the PLO leadership in Tunis and the heads of the factions elsewhere.

Although the major members of the new command include representatives of Fateh, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), the Palestinian Communist Party and the Islamic movement, it is widely believed that the other smaller Palestinian factions are not functioning outside the PLO framework, or at least as individuals they are adhering to its programmes and instructions.

— Both the leadership and the work of this "new front" are extremely secretive. This discreetness could prove to be a great advantage since it would be more difficult for Israel to dismantle the command by arresting

or deporting its leaders.

Furthermore, unlike the front of the seventies, the command does not seem to depend on "known" nationalist names but on a collective organisational infrastructure.

Thus even if its leaders were arrested or deported, authoritative Palestinian analysts believe its work will not be completely disrupted.

— According to some sources the command is led by the factions' second ranking officials, who were behind the initiative for the unification of ranks. If this was true, and some PLO officials agree with that conclusion, the uprising has even made structural changes within the factions themselves. A respected Palestinian researcher and academic from the West Bank told the Jordan Times that despite the PLO reunification achieved in Algiers last April the local leaders of the Palestinians were not "cooperating" with efforts by some independent personalities to reunify the work of the different political trends in the occupied territories. The academic, who is himself an independent, said that factionalism and a growing gap between the local leadership and the rank and file of the factions was evident and affected collective efforts to

confront the Israeli occupation.

## Islamic movement included

— The Islamic trend is also included in the coalition. It has to be indicated here that while in the past left-wing factions would have stood against such a coalition they seem satisfied that the Islamic trend is working within a pro-PLO coalition. Furthermore, its widely believed that the Islamic trends coordinate with the other forces through Fateh. "The Muslim movement is not far from the influence of a specific faction within the PLO," a DFLP official who was clearly referring to Fateh, said.

"We are passing through the national liberation struggle period, which means that all the Palestinians, regardless of their ideologies, trends and classes, should be part of the struggle," commented deputy commander of Fateh forces and central committee member Khalil Al Wazir. In fact left-wing factions believe that the coordination between the Islamic movement and factions within the PLO constituted an important development especially that in the seventies some of these fundamentalist movements worked against the

PLO. But now the PLO, including all of its factions agree to include the Islamic trends in its ranks.

It is not clear whether that will include the Muslim Liberation Party (Hizb Al Tahrir Al Islami) which so far has been banned from becoming part of the PLO structure.

— Another difference is that so far the unified command is seen as "provisional" body while the front was formed as a permanent leadership.

— The "unified national command" has shown a high level of organisation, initiative and independence despite its strong adherence to the PLO and its programme.

According to highly placed Palestinian sources the leadership, either through its unified command, or through the different factions, consults with the PLO leaders abroad on the tactics used and the political statements issued. The difference, however, is that it is not a matter of receiving orders, but is rather "equal footing consultations."

The sources note that the unified command inside is cautious that its demands and political statements are consistent with the PLO's platform.

## New policy called for

These new factors have prompted many voices within the PLO to call for a new policy towards the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In a recently published study on the evolution of popular organisations in the occupied territories, Dr. Jamil Hilal, the DFLP spokesman, called on the PLO to abandon its old view of the national movement in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip "as the striking right hand of the PLO..." but as an equal partner who complements the PLO leadership (abroad).

These trends, called for before the uprising, were based on a study of the popular Palestinian protest activities in the occupied territories between April and the end of November 1987. Dr. Hilal, who is a noted researcher on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, bases his conclusions on the following findings:

— That the popular protests in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip were not a mere reaction to Israeli suppression but that the methods and tactics employed reflected a steadily growing level of organisation.

— That the new generation is experienced in organisational struggle and demonstrates a high political awareness and a militant mood. He notes that around 60 per cent of the Palestinian population was born under occupation.

— The level of active organisational involvement is high and includes all sectors of the population including the youth, students, women, writers, professionals and workers.

Wazir agreed with this assessment but adds that the uprising has drawn new sectors to active involvement in the struggle.

In the past protests and uprisings, students and workers were the major participants, but in this uprising women and elderly people played an equally important role," Wazir, better known as Abu Jihad said.

## Rising numbers

In his study Hilal points out that the number of the people involved in the popular institutions and associations was steadily increasing. For example membership of the four existing Palestinian women associations has risen from less than two hundred in 1980 to 15,000 in 1987, while 90 per cent of the students have participated in the students councils elections last year.

— The fact that around 30,000 people (or one fifth of the population) were subjected to forms of house detentions or have even served prison sentences since 1967, has enhanced the struggle experience and the political awareness of the Palestinians in the territories.

— These factors have led to a development of a high level of independence of the Palestinian national movement and people in the occupied territories.

Hilal concludes that the popular movement and its organisations have "developed its own internal dynamics for action and continuity."

He concludes that the PLO should realise these new developments and abandon the approach to the national movement in the territories "as an instrument" but instead deal with the movement "as the actual daily leadership in the main confrontation front against the occupying enemy." Hilal also notes that "there was no contradiction between the growing independence of the Palestinian movement in the occupied territories and its full support of the PLO."

Following the eruption of the uprising on Dec. 9, this view has been voiced by many other Palestinian activists who are now seeking the actual recognition of the "unified leadership of the uprising" as a permanent leadership body of the national movement inside.

Supporters of this view include independent personalities as well as members of the major factions including Fateh. "The PLO leadership should listen more carefully to what the leaders of the national movement have to say in the formulations of PLO policies concerning the occupied territories and confrontation with Israel because they know the daily situation better and therefore their functions cannot be confined to receiving orders," a Fateh officer who was deported after spending 17 years in prison told the Jordan Times in Tunis recently.

Palestinian analysts believe that the West Bankers and Gazans are now exerting more influence on the PLO leadership than ever before. But they were not sure whether the new pattern of coordination would continue following the uprising.

Other analysts note that if the unified command of the uprising is to become a permanent leadership of the national movement inside, such an objective should be endorsed by the Fateh organisation in the occupied territories.

Palestinian personalities and officials, from the various factions contacted by the Jordan Times, concede that Fateh still maintains the biggest following in the occupied territories and that it was the strongest during the uprising especially through its *shabibah* (youth) supporting organisations.

The Fateh prevalence did not seem to have affected so far coordination between the PLO leadership abroad and the command inside the territories as well as among the factions. In fact well-informed Palestinian officials confirm that during the uprising the leadership has practically recognised the independence of the command in determining the confrontation tactics and the methods of daily struggle.

But the question that is being raised now, within Palestinian circles, is whether this coordination would lead to the sustaining of the command as the leader of coalitions front in the territories or will the factional differences and even individual contacts overrule the organised framework produced by the uprising?

To achieve the objective of maintaining the organisational framework of national Palestinian command in the West Bank and Gaza Strip would require a political decision by the PLO and the factions leaders in Tunis and Damascus. Furthermore, and despite the unity demonstrated during the uprising, the Palestinian popular institutions remain deeply divided. For example, there are four women associations, the same number of trade unions and two writers' unions, while the artists have only reunified their ranks recently.

A decision to unite them, according to Palestinian officials, mainly depends on an agreement among the leaders of the different factions to do so. But some Palestinians hope that the uprising would prompt the leaders of the unions themselves to take such a step, which is unlikely to be opposed by the factions' leadership.

Although most officials and analysts interviewed were cautious on predicting the final implications of the evolution of the national movement in the occupied territories and its influence on the PLO, they all seem to agree that in the meantime the organisation's leadership cannot but refuse any political offers that fall short of meeting the demands stressed by the unified command during the last four weeks.

## JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat. — Feb. 13, 1988

8:30 Married with Children

9:00 Variety Show

10:20 Feature Film  
The Story Teller

A T.V. scenarist writes down a film scenario when there are violence and arson. A kid, who saw the film in imitation sets fire in the school which affected the writer's way of life.

Sun. — Feb. 14, 1988

8:30 Farrington

We're Having a Heatwave

Romantic madness continues when a suave attractive businessman arrives on a trade mission — and even Harriet seems to be affected.

9:10 The Making of a Continent

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10:20 Secret Army

Guilt

Mon. — Feb. 15, 1988

8:30 Are You Being Served

9:10 Vanity Fair

10:20 Feature Film

A Time To Live

Starring:  
Liza Minnelli  
Jeffrey DeMunn

A couple has a son in normal good health, and a younger son who complains of a muscular weakness which aggravates day after day. Consequently he had to use a wheel-chair. The family suffers a lot because of the situation.

Tue. — Feb. 16, 1988

8:30 No Place Like Home  
New Comedy series

Elders daughter Lorraine is having a trial separation from husband Raymond, who is trying to find alternative accommodation assisted by fellow traffic-warden Elsie. Youngest son Nigel, home for the weekend, borrows Arthur's car, but it runs out of petrol and, before the garage can pick it up, is stolen. Meanwhile, neighbour Trevor is missing his wife Vera, who is away with her sister in Wales, and seeks liquid consolation in the greenhouse with Arthur.

9:10 Standby — Light! Camera! Action!

This episode is about the role of the stunt-man. The actor who takes up the dangerous and difficult roles in lieu of the real actor.

10:20 The Equalizer

11:10 Three's Company  
Jack Looks for a Jack

Wed. — Feb. 17, 1988

8:30 Charles in Charge  
A Job From Heck

9:00 Well Being



Married with Children — Saturday at 8:30

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9:35 Alfred Hitchcock Presents.....

10:20 Hold the Dream

Mini-series

Emma is heartbroken by Blackie's death. Jim resigns as managing director of the company and has his first quarrel with Paula. Min swears she will never divorce Anthony and then is discovered drowned in the lake. Paula is beset by problems, both domestic and professional and her relationship with Jim deteriorates rapidly. Jonathan and Sebastian Cross are seen in deep conversation. Paula visits Shane in Connecticut.

Thur. — Feb. 18, 1988

8:30 Kate and Allie

9:10 Rags to Riches

Hunk in the House

10:20 Feature Film  
Getcha

A female spy meets a young man studying veterinary medicine. She allures him to participate with her in her adventure.


Fri. — Feb. 19, 1988

8:30 Growing Pains

9:10 Magnum

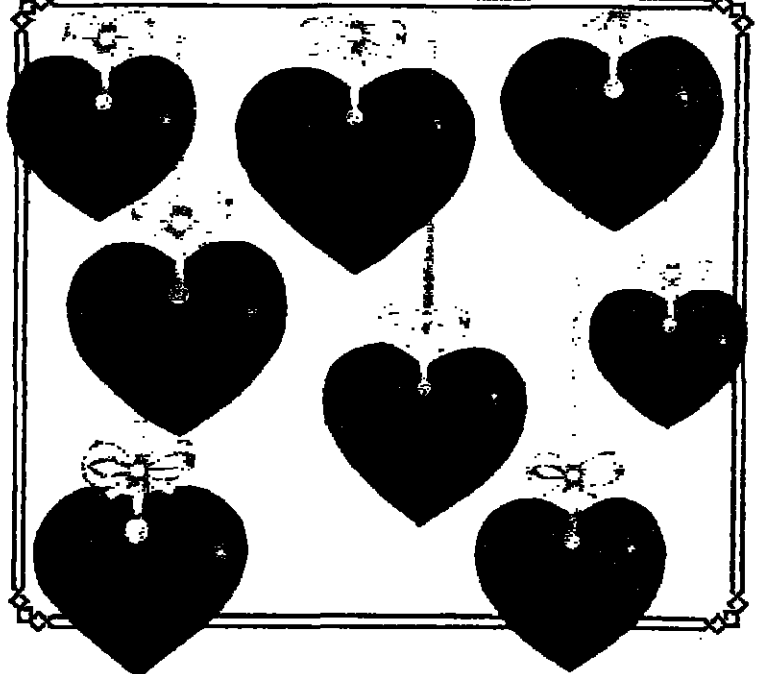
10:20 Falcon Crest

11:10 Some Mothers do Have Them



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# 'Festival on ice' gets off ground today at Calgary

CALGARY (AP) — On the eve of the opening of the 15th Winter Olympics, a British princess and a Swiss king of the mountain are sharing star billing with a warm-breathed wind called the Chinook.

The fabled Chinook blew in over the Rocky Mountains from the Pacific Ocean more than 24 hours ahead of Friday's expected arrival of Princess Anne (See story below).

Temperatures soared 56 degrees Fahrenheit (31 degrees Celsius), from an Arctic minus 11 degrees (minus 24 degrees Celsius) Wednesday to a relatively balmy 45 degrees (7 degrees Celsius) by midday Thursday.

For the second straight day, the Swiss skier had the fastest training time, firmly establishing himself as the skier to beat in Sunday's medal race.

Living up to its Indian name, meaning "snow eater," the Chinook turned ice and snow on Calgary's roads into slush. Plastic sun shades had to be stretched over exposed curves on the luge track, despite the 100 kilometres of refrigeration pipes designed to retard melting.

Even with the screens, luge had difficulty controlling their sleds on thawing stretches of the track at Olympic Park, located at

Calgary's western outskirts. Two competitors — Tim Nardiello of the United States and Raymond Ocampo of the Philippines — crashed during practice for Sunday's men's singles competition.

During Thursday's training for the men's downhill, Zurbriggen bested his previous day's time by more than three seconds despite a painfully bruised lower left leg — an injury he suffered while playing soccer with his Swiss teammates.

The Swiss ace posted a time of one minute, 59.26 seconds, in the second training run on the redesigned 3,147-metre course that became increasingly rutted due to the above-normal temperatures. His time was 73-hundredths of a second faster than Austrian Gerhard Pfaffenbichler. Another Austrian, Anton Steiner, was third in 2:00.05.

Gusty winds played havoc with the course, blowing some skiers off line.



**Jordanians Beat Romanians:** The national football team of Jordan beat Romania's Associate Sportiva Almata (ASA) 1-0 in a friendly match played in Amman Friday. Scorer

was striker Khalid Akouri (57th minute). Picture shows Jordan's defender Issam Talei (No. 6 white) clearing the ball before it reaches a Romanian forward (photo by Yusef Al Allan)

## AMMAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Junior Teams	Pts	Mids-1 Teams	Pts
Dorma	6	NECC	8
Nash/EBB	6	Istiklal	4
Arab Bank	6	Intercon	4
Samar	2	Danish Dairy	3
Astra	0	EEE	1
Mids-2 Teams	Pts	Senior Teams	Pts
Jor-Exp	6	JWM	8
Marriott	6	France Lait	6
Furukawa	4	La Vache Qui Rit	4
NEP	4	Al Ahlyah	2
GEMT	0	Westinghouse	0

## Results of Friday's Games

<b>Juniors</b>		
Nash/EBB 24		Samar 14
Dorma 12		Arab Bank 13
<b>Mids-1</b>		
Istiklal 15		Intercon 27
NECC 24		Danish Dairy 12
<b>Mids-2</b>		
Furukawa 27		Jor-Exp 50
GEMT 24		Marriott 44
<b>Seniors</b>		
France Lait 60		Westinghouse 29
Al Ahlyah 13		JWM 78

## Ibn Sulayem edges Hajri over two minutes in Qatar

DOHA (R) — Middle East motor rally champion Mohammed Ibn Sulayem of Dubai won the Qatar International Rally in a Toyota Celica Turbo Friday, the Qatari News Agency reported.

Ibn Sulayem and his Irish co-driver Ronan Morgan finished the 818-km event in three hours 57 minutes and 22 seconds, two minutes 49 seconds ahead of Saeed Al Hajri of Qatar in an Audi Quattro.

Third was Lebanese Michel Saleh, also in an Audi Quattro, less than seven minutes behind the winner.

Organisers said 19 cars entered the two-day rally, the first round of the Middle East championship. The other rounds will be held in Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman and Dubai.

## Everton back in focus after 11 games in 4 weeks

LONDON (AP) — The toughest league in the world is how the nine-month long English soccer season is described year after year by the national media.

If ever the claim needed proof, First Division champion Everton has just supplied it.

In the space of one month, Colin Harvey's battle-scarred team has played seven F.A. cup matches, two Littlewoods Cup games and two league matches.

That's 11 games in exactly four weeks — almost three a week.

"Everton are fantastic to have played so many big cup-ties and come through again," said Bruce Rioch, whose Middlesbrough team were finally toppled by the league champions in an F.A. cup fourth round, second replay Tuesday night.

"It's a tribute to the club and its management," Rioch said.

The seven matches Everton needed to reach round five of the F.A. cup is a post-war record.

Four games were needed against Sheffield Wednesday in the previous round, then three more against Second Division Middlesbrough, which proved a stubborn, durable opponent.

Ironically, it took a late own goal by Middlesbrough's Tony Mowbray to give Everton a 2-1 victory Tuesday night, and a place in the last 16 of Europe's biggest domestic knockout club competition.

The prize for Everton could not be more enticing, a fifth-round home tie against cross-town neighbour Liverpool, a clash that ensures one of the two Merseyside giants missing out on the final at Wembley next May.

Until last Sunday, another route to Wembley loomed even larger for Everton in the shape of the Littlewoods Cup, England's

second knockout competition. But for once, Everton's committed players could not find their touch when they most needed it.

In the semifinal, first leg, Everton lost 1-0 at home to Arsenal, holders of the trophy, and will need a mighty effort in the second leg later this month to wipe out the deficit and prevent the cupholder reaching a second successive Littlewoods final.

Everton is back to the nitty gritty of league action on Saturday, trying — like the rest of the First Division — to make up ground on runaway leader Liverpool.

The league champions host Queens Park Rangers, while Liverpool defends its remarkable unbeaten league record at struggling Watford.

If Liverpool can preserve its unbeaten run for another five matches, it will smash the English record of 29 games, set by Leeds United in 1974.

Most of the attention Saturday will centre on former Watford striker John Barnes, whose form has been electrifying ever since he was transferred to Liverpool.

Barnes, who never fully realised his potential at Watford, has been transformed since putting on a Liverpool shirt and is now regarded as the most dangerous forward in Britain.

Liverpool's goalscoring machine dried up last weekend when it was surprisingly held 0-0 at home by West Ham, and Watford manager Steve Harrison said he fancied his team's chances of becoming the first team to beat the Merseysiders in the league.

The return of Barnes in particular, Harrison said, has created great interest in the town.

## IOC maintains blue-blooded line

By Stephen Parry  
Reuter

CALGARY — There aren't too many paupers around, but the International Olympic Committee (IOC) can boast a posse of princes.

Three princes, one English lord, one French count and Princess Nora of Liechtenstein ensure the continuation of the blue-blooded line which has been a feature of the IOC since the Olympic movement was founded by Baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1894.

But other changes are afoot. While the Olympic governing body has not entirely shrugged off its image of dusty dotards sitting in serried ranks, the age of the dilettante is fading.

The games themselves are professional and so, increasingly, is the manner in which Olympic administrators conduct their affairs.

As the tide of professionalism has swept over de Coubertin's rigid 19th century sporting code, so too the gifted amateurs of earlier decades are being replaced by administrators who know full well where the next Olympic dollar is coming from.

The Olympics are big business. The IOC itself, in terms of cash and property, is worth an estimated \$45 million, but that's only the beginning of the story.

The marketing of the movement's emblem, the five Olympic rings, is expected to generate more than \$100 million this year, while the sale of television rights for next week's Winter Olympics in Calgary and the Seoul Games in September will produce an estimated total of \$750 million.

"As the sums involved have increased, so too has the recognition that we must act in a more professional manner," Dick Pound, a Canadian member of the IOC executive board, told Reuters.

"But we haven't deliberately sought out IOC members who have a professional background. It's been good luck rather than good management," he added.

Members no longer have to pay for their IOC travel, so personal wealth is no longer a criterion for membership. Pound also said younger, more active people were being elected and that improvements in travel and com-

munications meant more members were able to attend meetings.

The age of IOC members ranges from Prince Albert of Monaco, the youngest at 29, to count Jean de Beaumont of France, the oldest at 84. De Beaumont became the senior IOC member last year when Vladimir Stoychev, commander of the Bulgarian army in World War II, resigned at the age of 95.

The 87-member IOC, littered with millionaire industrialists, politicians and diplomats, has long been labelled the most exclusive club in the world.

You can't apply to join and you can't buy your way in. Admission is by invitation only and must be approved by the IOC president, a post filled since 1980 by Juan Antonio Samaranch, former Spanish ambassador to Moscow.

The Olympic Charter emphasises that members are the representatives of the IOC in their countries. They are not their countries' delegates to the IOC, a distinction sometimes lost on governments seeking to use the Olympics for political mileage.

The flavour of the IOC may be less exotic than in previous decades but it remains exclusively a forum for high achievers and large egos.

**Personal charm**

Personal charm is common among members, but the aura of power is unmistakable and nowhere is this more evident than in Samaranch himself. Aged 67, he is slight, dapper and quietly spoken. A tireless worker, he exercises daily and has the sort of unquenchable stamina that has enabled him to visit over 150 countries during the past eight years.

Although he is sometimes seen as autocratic by other members, Samaranch is widely respected for his pragmatism, determination and overall grasp of world affairs.

His diplomatic efforts are generally considered to have played a large part in minimising any threat of a fourth successive boycott of the Summer Olympics following North Korea's insistence on a share of the Seoul Games.

"Samaranch is a dogged, determined terrier, a diplomat with a global view," was Pound's description of the man many expect him to succeed.



Princess Anne

## Princess Anne named IOC member

CALGARY (AP) — Britain's Princess Anne was among five new members named Thursday to the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

An announcement by the world sports body said Princess Anne would replace Lord Luke as the IOC member from Britain.

He is retiring after 37 years but remains an honorary member.

Other new members were named for Colombia, Chinese Taipei, New Zealand and Mauritius, the IOC said. There are 88 members of the organisation.

A member of the British delegation in Calgary said the appointment of Princess Anne was no surprise.

"There's been speculation in the British press for some time. The only thing that took us by surprise was Lord Luke's retirement. We didn't expect him to retire until September after the Summer Olympics," said Brian Allison, deputy chief of mission.

Princess Anne was to arrive here Friday to visit British athletes and watch them make final preparations for the Winter Games.

Princess Anne, the equestrian competitor at the 1976 Olympics, joined Fidel Mendoza of Colombia, Wu Ching-Kuo of Taiwan, Tay Wilson of New Zealand and Ram Rubee of Mauritius on the IOC.

## No innovations in ice dancing

CALGARY (AP) — Trend-setting performances are not expected from the ice dancers at these Winter Olympics. There are no Torvill and Dean here.

While the Soviet couples of Natalia Bestemianova-Andrei Bukin and Marina Klimova-Sergei Ponomarenko skate on a different, higher level than the rest of the competition here, they will not change the way ice dancing is performed. Britain's Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, the 1984 gold medalists, could do that.

"A couple like Torvill and Dean comes along rarely and they have an effect on the sport that no one else can match," said Ron Ludington, the premier pairs and dance coach in the United States. "They were very special."

Torvill and Dean dared to be different, so different that they expanded the boundaries of the dance. Their routines were developed to tell a story and their freestyle programme at Sarajevo, to Ravel's "Bolero," so entranced the judges that they ignored the British duo's stretching of the event's parameters.

Where most couples concentrated on perfecting the waltz, polka or whatever else was required, Torvill and Dean were redefining the limits — at least for themselves. They broke away from formula skating and broke into a different dimension that existed only for them.

The Soviet contenders are as a perky pair whose playful rendition of "Cabaret" drew rave reviews and high marks at the 1987 world championships. But that was only a portion of their long programme and their moves never approached the limits.



Canada's McCall and Tracy Wilson

## Seoul hopes for harmony and progress with Summer Games

CALGARY (AP) — With a record number of nations set to attend the Seoul Olympics, the man in charge says he hopes to "catch the two rabbits" of harmony and progress for the Summer Games despite Korea's deep division.

In an interview that ranged from terrorism to philosophy, Seoul Olympic Organising Committee (SOOC) President Park Seh-Jik said Thursday that the games should aim for athletic and spiritual success.

"The two big goals of the universe are harmony and progress," he said. "If you can reach them, that is something to please your God, to please your parents, to please your teacher."

"This is exactly the moment to attain those goals. We can catch the two rabbits. This is the sublime goal and ideals of the Olympic movement."

Not all of Park's musings in the hour-long breakfast meeting with reporters were so celestial. He spent most of the time discussing North Korea, specifically its efforts to share the games

with Seoul and what the South alleges to be its attempts to disrupt Olympic preparations through "terrorism."

Park questioned Pyongyang's sincerity through more than two years of negotiations on the co-host demand.

"I wish I knew their sincerity, their honest desire to take part and be involved in the Olympic movement," he said. "If their sincerity exists, it would be easier to solve this problem. It would mean more compassion for each other."

Despite the North's announcement that it will boycott the games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is still trying to reach a settlement that would bring the North and two boycotting allies, Cuba and Ethiopia, to Seoul, where they would join athletes from the 161 nations already entered.

With 219 days left until the games begin, Park said he did not know if a settlement could be reached.

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## Arias urges Soviets to halt arming C. American rebels

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — President Oscar Arias, main author of a Central American peace plan, urged Moscow to halt arms shipments to insurgents in the region. He said Mikhail Gorbachev's new image would be tested now.

Arias won the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize for drafting the peace accord signed last August by himself and the presidents of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Honduras.

Arias said in a message broadcast nationwide Thursday on radio and television: "We must struggle, with the help of the whole world, so that the shipment of arms to insurgents in the region stops."

Then he directed the call specifically at the Soviet Union. He said the image being fostered by Soviet leader Gorbachev — less dogmatic and relatively tolerant — would be put to the test in Central America.

"He (Gorbachev) should cease all armed support, direct or indirect by means of Cuba and Nicaragua, to insurgent forces."

Leftist guerrillas in El Salvador have been waging an 8-year-old guerrilla war against the U.S.-backed government there. The guerrillas reportedly receive some of their weapons from East Bloc supporters who channel the arms through Cuba and Nicaragua.

The guerrillas deny the reports of outside military aid. They say their arms are purchased on the international black market or captured from government forces.

"Today there is a chance for peace like never before in Central America," said Arias, "an opportunity for democracy in Latin America like never before. There is a last chance to defeat poverty and to prevent misery, protected by dictatorships, from perpetuating itself."

He expressed the hope that Nicaragua will move resolutely toward making its society more democratic, and that peace talks between combatants in both Nicaragua and El Salvador will resume and bear fruit.

"It is they who must choose

between war and peace," he said. Ceasefire negotiations between U.S.-backed contra rebels and representatives of Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government are to resume next week in Guatemala.

Peace talks between the two sides in El Salvador have stalled. The government says they will not be resumed until after legislative and municipal elections March 20.

The Arias accord demands ceasefires in Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala; greater freedom and democracy throughout Central America; an end to outside aid to insurgent forces in the region; and a halt to the use of any country's territory as a base for attacks on another nation.

**Reagan criticises lawmakers**

In Washington, President Ronald Reagan criticised House lawmakers for refusing aid to the Nicaraguan rebels, saying the lawmakers yanked the club from his "carrot and stick" policy of pressuring the government for democratic reform.

"We're not giving up on those who are fighting for their freedom, and they aren't giving up either," Reagan said Thursday night in a speech prepared for delivery to the annual conservative political action conference dinner.

The U.S. president said the House of Representatives' refusal to approve his \$36.2 million contra aid request "was a setback to the national security interests of the United States and a sad moment for the cause of peace and freedom in Central America."

"Until now, the carrot and stick approach has worked in forcing a Communist regime to relax some of its repression," Reagan told the crowd of conservatives, political soul-mates who helped him win the White

House in both 1980 and again in 1984.

"But now the action by the House of Representatives removes one part of that formula, and goes only with the carrot," he said.

"The effect of this vote then was to trust the promises of democracy of the Sandinista Communists — the kind of promises that no Communist regime in history has ever carried out," he said, "and that this regime was likely to carry out only under continued pressure."

"This course is — and I repeat — a risk to national security," Reagan said.

The House last Wednesday voted 219-211 against the aid package, which would have consisted mostly of humanitarian assistance, with a \$3.6 million military set-aside for use at the end of March if there were no ceasefire.

The Senate passed the measure the following day, but that vote was only symbolic.

While Reagan administration officials have said they accept the will of the House and have sent out word to staff members that they cannot support or assist private fund-raising efforts, Reagan said the issue is far from dead.

"I'll have more to say on this in a few weeks," he said. "For now, I'll leave it at this: Get ready, the curtain hasn't fallen, the drama continues... Last week's vote was not the final word, only a pause."

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said earlier that administration officials have been told to avoid any association with private fund-raising efforts for the Nicaraguan contra rebels.

The word of caution was contained in a memo signed by White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker Jr. and National Security Adviser Colin Powell. It was made public by Fitzwater at the daily White House news briefing.

The Baker-Powell memo said "no administration official should give assistance or encouragement of any kind" to private fund-raising efforts "prompted by the recent rejection of the aid package in Congress."

## Afghan settlement faces huge problems

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — New diplomatic moves have brought a wave of optimism for a settlement of the nine-year war in Afghanistan. But major problems remain to be solved.

The Soviets, who have fought in the brutal conflict for the past eight years, have taken the initiative by announcing they want to withdraw their troops this year.

On Feb. 8, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev went so far as to set a starting date of May 15 — provided U.N.-sponsored talks in Geneva between Kabul and Islamabad reach an accord 60 days before that.

In a 2,000-word statement, Gorbachev also bowed to a Washington demand that the greater proportion of Red Army troops could leave during the first phase. He also said the pullout would not be contingent on the formation of an interim Afghan government.

U.N. mediator Diego Cordeiro and Pakistani officials, however, have cautioned that two key problems remain: The logistics of a phased Soviet withdrawal and its relation to the formation of a transitional Afghan government that would preside over it.

Pakistani officials acknowledge privately that the March 2 date for the resumption of the Geneva talks means they may have to exert new pressure on the guerrillas to compromise their tough stance against any power sharing — even temporarily — with Kabul's Marxist government.

Islamabad itself has refused to recognise the successive governments of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), which seized power in a bloody April 1978 coup. Soviet forces intervened in December 1979 to exchange one PDPA government for another, and Afghan Communist leader Najib replaced the ailing Babrak Karmal as party chief in May 1986.

Nevertheless, Pakistan recently has made clear it won't reject a future PDPA role, at least in an interim Afghan government.

Asked at an Islamabad news conference whether that might be worked out after Geneva, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani replied:

"Why do you come to the conclusion that a legitimate, responsible, broad-based government will not be in power by the time the agreement is ready for signature?"

If that was optimism on Noorani's part, the resistance leaders didn't share it.

The guerrilla alliance promptly issued a statement reiterating its demand for an all-Mujahideen government.

## Honduran officers linked to drug dealers

NEW YORK (AP) — Major drug operations in Honduras are being set up by senior Honduran army officers and a powerful drug dealer with past ties to the Panamanian military leader, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, a published report Friday says.

The New York Times quoted U.S. officials and Honduran political leaders in its Friday editions as saying drug traffickers had corrupted army officers and offered money to political parties while buying businesses and land to launder drug profits.

"This is something that could get out of hand," a senior official in President Ronald Reagan's administration told the newspaper. "We can't compete with the kind of money the Colombian dealers are offering, and once the army is corrupted we can't control it."

The Times said senior political and business leaders in Honduras warned last week during interviews that the country was in danger of becoming a major drug-dealing centre.

## Family of 5 die in new Brazil mudslide

PETROPOLIS, Brazil (AP) — A mudslide buried a hillside home and killed a family of five in this resort city near Rio de Janeiro on the ninth day of heavy rains and flooding that has left 195 dead and 8,776 homeless.

"The situation is getting worse. We are in a war situation," Mayor Paulo Rattes told a news conference.

The torrential rains also hit low-lying slums north of Rio, where 7 million people live. Rivers overflowed, turning whole regions into lakes and forcing more than 4,800 people to seek emergency shelters, said Bruno Avila, a spokesman for Rio de Janeiro state's Civil Defence Office.

## Soviets launch new bid to halt 'Nordic arms race'

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union Friday announced a new parliamentary initiative aimed at halting what was described as an arms race in the Nordic seas.

The Soviet News Agency TASS said the Foreign Affairs Commission of both houses of the Supreme Soviet (parliament) had addressed an appeal to parliamentary bodies in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Canada and the United States.

The appeal said "unfavourable trends" in the Nordic zone included a build-up of military sea power and intensified U.S. and NATO exercises in the North Atlantic at a time when arms control efforts were producing results in other fields.

"We are certain that drastic reduction in military confrontation in the north of our planet would meet the supreme interests of all countries of that region and of all mankind," the appeal said.

The appeal followed a six-point plan for northern security proposed by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev last October.

It called for NATO-Warsaw pact talks on curbing military activity in the Baltic, North, Norwegian and Greenland seas, the establishment of a nuclear weapons-free zone in northern Europe and the opening of the Soviet northern sea route to foreign ships if world relations progressed.

Friday's appeal said Gorbachev's plan had laid the basis for dialogue which should now get underway through diplomatic and political channels.

It said Soviet parliamentarians sought in the immediate future to hold working meetings, seminars and television-bridge debates with the Foreign Affairs Commissions of the parliaments of the Scandinavian countries, Canada and the United States.

## Evidence 'indicates' Soviet military activity in Alaska

GAMBELL, Alaska (AP) — Soviet commandos may be staging covert landings on a U.S. island in the Bering Sea, say officials who point to discoveries of Soviet military gear and sightings of mysterious strangers who ran away.

An increasing number of reports of unidentified aircraft, submarines, swimmers in scuba gear and discarded Soviet military equipment have been turned in to U.S. intelligence agencies, official said during a visit this week.

Although many sightings have occurred on or over mainland Alaska, the greatest number have come from St. Lawrence Island, a treeless, sparsely populated island just 40 miles (64 kilometres) south east of Siberia.

Mainland Alaska, which is predominantly a mountainous, glaciated wilderness, is about 1,500 miles (2,400 kilometres) north west of the contiguous United States.

Most of the reports come from the Alaska Army National Guard's three scout battalions made up of eskimoes, the Arctic region's indigenous people. The scouts are called "the eyes and ears of the north."

"I don't want to speculate," said Maj.-Gen. John Schaeffer, commander of the Alaska Guard.

"We don't have a Soviet person on hand so we can completely verify this, but circumstantial evidence is that they're conducting some activity on the island. They're doing it around the world — in Scandinavia and the Philippines — so why not here?"

The island's largest villages are Gambell on the north west side and Savoonga near its centre.

The 100-mile-long island's

shoreline collects debris from a variety of sources, much of it from fishing boats working the Bering Sea.

"St. Lawrence Island is a beachcomber's paradise," said Sgt. 1st Class Renard Nichols, with the Guard's 1st Scout Battalion in Nome. "What we concern ourselves with is a something like a Soviet-made battery found two miles inland. And when we hear about a frogman and there aren't any (fishing) boats around, that sets the alarm bells ringing."

Other items generating official curiosity include a Soviet life raft found half-buried above a deserted beach; a Soviet gas mask with filters for a new chemical agent, shoulder board insignia from Soviet uniforms, fuel drums with Soviet markings and fresh boot prints headed inland.

"There have been lots of reports about humans on the island," said 1st Lt. Reuben Nicholson, who commands the island's company of Eskimo scouts. "But the people have run and we could not identify who they are. We know they are not from the island. People on the island do not run from each other."

Nicholson said several American oil companies have interests in the area, and fishermen and crabbers often work their boats just offshore.

"Some of these people may be coming onto the island to pilfer whatever ivory (from walrus) they can find," he said.

Unlike several islands in the Aleutian chain to the south, St. Lawrence has no top-secret military installations or super-sensitive equipment that might attract Soviet attention, officials said.

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### Unemployed Scotsman wins £1m fortune

LONDON (AP) — An unemployed hotel worker who struggled on £26.50 (\$47) a week in state welfare and frequently slept on park benches Wednesday accepted a winning lottery check for £1 million (£1.76 million). John McDonald, a 44-year-old Scotsman, won his bonanza on the Littlewoods pools, a nationwide football lottery, with a £1 (£1.76) stake. McDonald, who has been jobless for four years, snatched his fingers and called "waiter" in just several minutes after the handing-over ceremony at a five-star London hotel. He said he would be sharing the prize with Doug Calway, 67, whom he befriended when Calway's wife died 15 years ago. Since then, McDonald said "doing any menial job we could get." "Hotel work tends to be very seasonal, and sometimes we have had to sleep on park benches or even under Brighton pier" in the southern England resort, he said. "We have served up the grand style of life for others, but somehow now it's not for us." McDonald said he wanted to "buy a boat to go fishing and get a good rod and then I'll think about a house or maybe a business. It's all too early really to think about it. 'I'd like a good woman to look after me, but there is a lot of trouble in marriage,'" he said. "But with a million pounds, who knows?" He said he also hoped to trace his only brother, Angus, who emigrated to New Zealand in the early 1960s.

### Gielgud returns to London stage

LONDON (AP) — Celebrated actor Sir John Gielgud returned to the London stage after a 10-year absence and won a rapturous five-minute ovation from the audience at the end of the first-night show. The 83-year-old Gielgud, last on the London stage in 1977 in Julian Mitchell's play "half life," starred Wednesday night in "The best of friends" by Hugh Whitmore at the Apollo Theatre. Whitmore's play is loosely based on letters by Irish-born playwright George Bernard Shaw, who died in 1950 at the age of 94. Gielgud played one of Shaw's correspondents, English eccentric Sir Sydney Cockerell, literary executor of the Fitzwilliam Museum at Cambridge, who died in 1962. Sporting a white goatee beard and wing collar, Gielgud acknowledged the cheers and applause with broad smiles. The celebrity audience included fellow veteran actor Sir John Mills, who will be 80 on Feb. 22, movie actress Lauren Bacall, top-selling author Jeffrey Archer, and Actress Dame Judi Dench. Gielgud's first professional appearance was in Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" at London's Old Vic theatre 66 years ago.

### Most widely read author turns 85

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Georges Simenon, the world's most widely-read living author, "officially" turns 85 Friday in strict privacy but with well-wishing telegrams and fan letters piling up at his home. His real birthday is Saturday but his superstitious mother, who gave birth on "Friday the 13th," predated the event in the civil register of his native liege, Belgium. Simenon's secretary, Mrs. Andre Paché-Aitken, said the celebration will be a "purely family affair." She said Simenon "is quite well" but hardly leaves his plain-furnished "maison rose" on the outskirts of Lausanne, a tiny cottage he shares with Teresa, his Italian-born companion. His three sons were expected to join him for the private birthday although his secretary could not confirm this. Not likely to be among the well-wishers was his estranged Canadian-born wife, Denise, who lives in another Lake Geneva town and with whom he is locked in an unending legal battle.

### Heavyweight champion Tyson remarries

NEW YORK (R) — Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was remarried Tuesday, — this time legally. Tyson, 21, had secretly married American television actress Robin Givens, 23, in Chicago Sunday in a ceremony performed by Father George Clements. The couple were wed again in a 90-second civil ceremony at the New York City Municipal Building after acquiring the necessary licence to make the marriage legal. Tyson was in New York for a news conference beamed by satellite to Japan to promote his title defence against American Tony Tubbs on March 21 in Tokyo. "I love all of her," Tyson told reporters. "I love his mind. He has a great heart, whether people know it or not. He is loveable and very special," Givens said.

### Media contributed to military suicides

ROME (R) — Forty-seven Italian soldiers killed themselves in 1986 and Defence Minister Valerio Zanone said the mass media were partly to blame. "Experts have seen in the mass media one of the causes for these tragic events. The phenomenon is considered extremely contagious and exercises a strong copy-cat effect on psychologically weak youth," he told parliament recently. The Defence Ministry said 473 members of the armed forces and Carabinieri Paramilitary Police died in 1986. The causes of death varied and included accidental shootings during military operations. Thousands of Italian soldiers staged a day of silence last April in protest against conditions in the armed forces and the media have often highlighted the dissatisfaction of many young conscripts with compulsory military service.

### Soviets to trim list of mentally ill

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet psychiatrists said Thursday they expect to remove 2 million people from the government's list of mental patients as part of reforms intended to prevent psychiatric abuse of healthy people. Modest M. Kabanov, a Leningrad psychiatrist, acknowledged that in the past, some doctors decided "to send people to institutions for instance for reading Bulgakov's works or for reading Pasternak's verses and poems," referring to writers Mikhail Bulgakov and Boris Pasternak. "Of course such mistakes will not be repeated," Kabanov said. Kabanov was among four psychiatrists who spoke at a news conference. Human rights activists have alleged for years that the Soviet Union uses psychiatric hospitals to incarcerate political dissidents who are mentally healthy. Because of the abuses, Britain and the United States considered trying to suspend or expel the Soviet Union from the World Psychiatry Association. The Soviets withdrew from the Association in 1983, before the ouster drive was mounted. Now, the Soviet doctors say they would like to rejoin the association.

### Moscow director misses homeland

LONDON (AP) — Soviet stage director Yuri Lyubimov, now living in Israel, says he misses his homeland but welcomes the changes going on there since he was exiled four years ago. "I miss my theatre, my friends and my relatives, but if I want now I can always go to Canada or Chicago or call on Solzhenitsyn in Vermont," he said in an interview Wednesday night at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. "I also miss the unique Soviet audiences who hunger for something spiritual," he added. Lyubimov, a young-looking 70, lives in Israel with his Hungarian wife, Katalin, and son Peter. Another son, Nikita, is in Moscow. Lyubimov was called the Soviet Union's greatest theatrical figure and is among the world's outstanding directors. He talked to the Associated Press at the stage door after an applauded revival of his production of Jenufa by Czech composer Leos Janacek. The director is a friend of Vladimir Solzhenitsyn, who was exiled from the Soviet Union in 1974 for his critical novels first published in the West. He lives in Cavendish, Vermont. Lyubimov ran Moscow's defiant Taganka Theatre and was on a London visit to direct a play in March 1984 when he was told not to return to the Soviet Union. "I was told I wouldn't be allowed to return home — (then Soviet leader Konstantin) Chernenko was half alive at the time and dead 12 months later," the director recalled, speaking through an interpreter.

## GOREN BRIDGE

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Almost two years ago New York's prestigious Cavendish Club moved to new, luxurious premises at 105 East 73rd St. Largely instrumental in securing these quarters was the club's then president, Lee Koppel.

He sat South when this hand was dealt during a rubber bridge game at the club. Demonstrating the daring that earned him a command during Israel's War of Independence, he ventured a bid of three spades after his opponents had reached two no trump, which was enough for game and rubber and which would almost surely have succeeded — only a club lead from North would scuttle the contract, but that was, at best, unlikely. With about half his values in the

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig Jr., mired at the bottom of the Republican Party's presidential pack, has scheduled a news conference to discuss the future of his campaign amid reports that he's calling it quits.

An aide refused to say whether he's dropping out of the race for his party's presidential nomination.

"I can't comment on that," Campaign Manager Brian Sweeney said Thursday. Asked if Haig had any campaign appearances planned after his news conference, Sweeney said, "at this time, no."

Haig was not available for comment.

conventions, each state branch of the national party selects delegates to the national party gathering either through primary nominating elections or caucuses.

The Post cited an unidentified "well-informed Republican source" for its information, while the Times Herald attributed its story to an unidentified "leading Dole operative."

Haig received less than 1 percent of the vote in the Iowa caucus. Commenting on the Iowa results Monday night, Haig said "I'm in it to the bitter end and that bitter end may be the inability to raise enough money to stay in it."

The 63-year-old former White House chief of staff and NATO commander had hoped to challenge the front-runners in New Hampshire, using a combination of different positions on the issues and often sharply worded attacks.

But nothing seemed to attract a following to Haig. A poll by the U.S. broadcasting network CBS released Thursday said he was supported by only 2 percent of Republicans who said they were likely to vote in Tuesday's presidential primary.

Haig has attracted the most campaign attention with his stinging attacks on Vice President George Bush.

He has needed Bush repeatedly about the Iran-contra affair. In one televised debate, seizing on Bush's contention that he has served as President Ronald Reagan's "co-pilot," Haig wondered aloud whether the vice president was riding economy-class in the back of the plane when the Iran arms sale was being planned.

Bush was asked whether his campaign is finished if he loses in New Hampshire.

"No it's not finished," Bush told the NBC Television Network Wednesday.

The vice president said he and President Ronald Reagan hadn't discussed the trouncing he took in Iowa at the hands of Pat Robertson.

Robertson continued to crow about his surprise second-place finish in Iowa, and lectured reporters who described him as a former Television Evangelist. The former Baptist minister termed the tag a "bigoted slur," saying he preferred to be called a religious broadcaster.

The ABC-Poll Post indicated that Robertson remained well behind the front-runners in New Hampshire, but had made greater gains over a survey a week ago than they did.

On the Democratic side, Rep.

Richard Gephardt tried to capitalize on his first-place finish in Iowa. Although Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis still enjoys a comfortable lead in New Hampshire, which borders Massachusetts, the poll indicated a surge in support for the Missouri congressman.

Sen. Paul Simon, who finished a close second to Gephardt in Iowa, also rolled up an increase in New Hampshire, but a slightly smaller one.

Both Dukakis and Simon made Gephardt their principal target as they campaigned in New Hampshire. Simon was launching a new ad campaign in the state Thursday, hammering away at the theme that Gephardt's populist campaign themes don't match up with his voting record.

Dukakis, meanwhile, attacked Gephardt for voting for Reagan's 1981 tax cut. But the Massachusetts governor added, "I hope we will not slip into the kind of spectacle we've been seeing on the Republican side... bashing each other around."

Those who finished back in the pack in Iowa found themselves dogged by questions about how long they could hang on.

"I've got a 50-state campaign and will go all the way," said Gary Hart.